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End of Cold War Forces Japan to Find a New Role

By David E. Sanger
New York Times Service

TOKYO — No country prospered more during the Cold War than Japan, and perhaps no country is more wistful for that era's comforting certainties.

While the United States and Europe were preoccupied with throw weights and satellite photographs, Japan was able to focus almost entirely on building an economy that became the envy of the world, largely unindicted by, and often profiting from, the superpower rivalry.

For several years now the Japanese have known that those heady days were coming to an end.

Nonetheless, the Cold War's demise caught Japan strangely ill-prepared, forcing it to recast its dealings with its main ally, the United States, and break out of a four-decade stalemate in its relations with its most powerful Asian neighbors.

Though still bound to be dominated by economic issues, the 1990s will also be a test of Japan's ability to overcome its reflexive isolationism, to become an independent political power without arousing those who are already deeply anxious about its economic might.

For the United States, Japan's search raises a question that officials on both sides of the Pacific are just beginning to discuss publicly: What is the new rationale for a security alliance intended to give Japan protection in return for America's biggest, strongest Pacific outpost against communism?

Although the Bush administration insists that it remains deeply committed to a forward deployment in Japan, especially as long as tensions remain on the Korean Peninsula, many here believe that it is only a matter of time before America's 56,000 troops in Japan are reduced to a largely symbolic force.

"What we are concerned with is an America turning inward, politically and economically," said Takahisa Kuriyama, a former deputy foreign minister and now ambassador to the United States. Others share his fear, not least because America's presence reassures Japan's neighbors.

But the prospect of a reduced American role in the Pacific is only part of what leaves the Japanese uneasy. In the Japanese press and on television it often seems the conventional wisdom that America has a psychological need for a rival, and that Japan is next in line.

Such views may be more widely repeated than deeply held; polls show that while there is a deepening distrust and disillusionment with the United States, Japanese still regard America as their closest — and perhaps only — true friend.

But it is a measure of Japan's insecurity on this point that books with titles like "The Coming War With Japan" are always much

A Seething Debate In Post-Riot Politics

By Paul F. Horvitz
International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — After last week's rioting, the political debate over U.S. social policy and urban poverty mushroomed Tuesday, with Democrats doing White House neglect and cabinet members blaming the Congress for obstructionism.

President George Bush, meanwhile, moved up by a day to visit Los Angeles originally planned to begin Tuesday.

Mr. Bush said that the government plans to rebuild are already coming in for strong criticism.

A juror says she prayed and fasted to try to get one guilty verdict.

Post-riot polls show a sharp plunge in support for President Bush.

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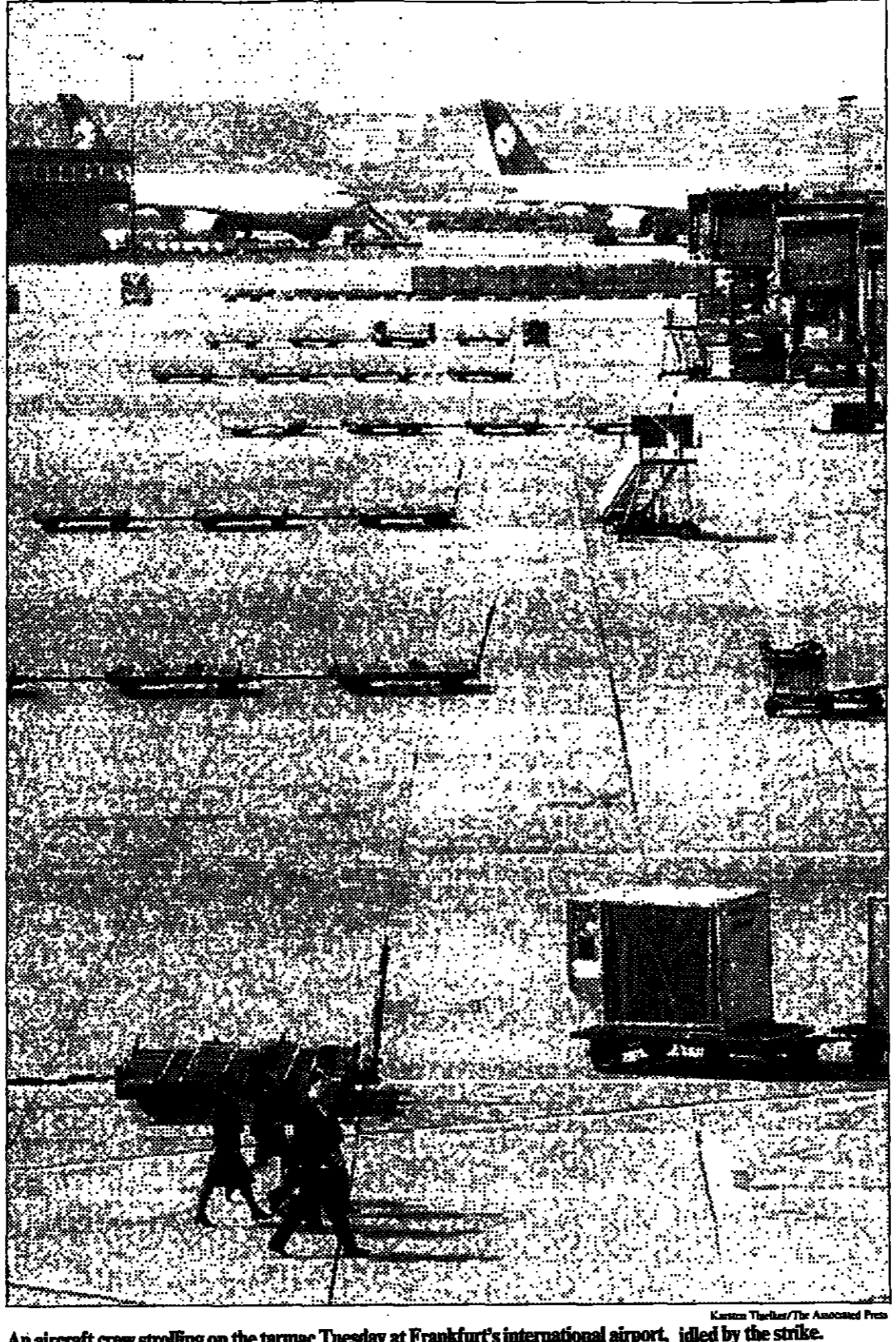
ment planned to pursue and prosecute those who murdered, burned and looted Los Angeles, The Associated Press quoted a California lawmaker as saying in Washington.

The president spent an hour with Senate Republicans. Afterward, John Seymour of California quoted Mr. Bush as saying the Justice Department planned to "prosecute to the fullest" those involved in serious crimes.

Democratic leaders were harsh in responding to the White House view that the rioting could be traced to failed welfare programs born in the 1960s and '70s.

Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, the likely Democratic Party nominee for president, said, "You cannot blame '60s social programs which have been pummeled out of existence."

But Mr. Clinton, a centrist, offered a prescription for the cities Tuesday that seemed close to the White House agenda. In a speech, he called for more private urban investment through public-private partnerships and community-based development banks, and for a return to basic values and dress codes in schools. He diverged from



An aircraft crew strolling on the tarmac Tuesday at Frankfurt's international airport, idled by the strike.

Air Strike Disrupts Travel Across Europe

Busy Frankfurt Hub Shut for a Day As Public Workers' Walkout Spreads

By Richard E. Smith
International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — Striking workers brought air traffic to a virtual standstill in Germany and sent ripples across Europe on Tuesday by forcing the closure of Frankfurt International, the Continent's largest airport.

About 900 flights were canceled or rerouted during the one-day strike by fire fighters, security employees and baggage handlers at the airport. Leaders of the public employees union did not rule out more closures if talks scheduled with the government were not productive.

Lufthansa, the German flag carrier, estimated late Tuesday that the strike might have cost it 40 million Deutsche marks (\$24 million). The estimate came amid growing concern about the total cost of the nine days of strikes in Germany, where the economy already was badly strangled by the expenses of reunification.

The number of strikers swelled Tuesday to more than 350,000 by some estimates, roughly triple the number striking over the weekend. Garbage piled ever higher and operating rates became a rarity.

The government has promised a sweetened offer when it returns to the bargaining table. Although it declined to give any details about the offer before the talks, the move sparked optimism among some government and union leaders.

Economics Minister Jürgen Möllemann predicted at a news conference that the strike could wind up before the end of the week. Chancellor Helmut Kohl rejected suggestions that the country was in chaos before leaving for a speaking engagement in New York.

Wolfgang Warburg, a leading union official, said that labor was open to plans broached by government negotiators allowing higher wage increases for lower-paid workers and limiting gains for those at the top of the pay scale.

"The shorter the conflict, the better," he said.

Airports in Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Munich, Nuremberg, and Cologne-Bonn also were shut Tuesday, as were both major airports in western Berlin.

Airlines bused thousands of passengers stranded in German airports over the border to airports in neighboring countries.

Such airports as Maastricht in the Netherlands, not far from the German border, experienced a boom in business as the number of flights increased by up to sixfold.

Because Frankfurt airport is an international hub, its closing caused confusion throughout the Continent and was widely seen as the most effective strike action so far.

British Airways said it had canceled about 40 flights to Germany. Thousands of passengers scheduled to use Frankfurt on runs between North America and various points east had to change itineraries.

Elsewhere in Germany, bulging and reeking blue bags of garbage became the most visible result of the strike.

Local transportation continued to be paralyzed in most urban centers, but bicycle stores were thriving and some taxi drivers were beginning to complain about the flood of cyclists.

The job actions have also disrupted mail service and facilities ranging from swimming pools and theaters to schools and hospitals.

"It is hard to estimate what this strike will cost but it does show a good deal of flexibility in the economy," said Günter Albrecht, chief economist of the German Industry and Trade Association.

"The closing of airports and train service has inconvenienced people," he said, "but many have found other ways to travel and to get by."

Neighborhood and business associations were cooperating in many areas to remove garbage themselves.

Lufthansa said it was considering a lawsuit against airport or government authorities for not trying to enlist help from other fire fighting forces, including those of the U.S. air base adjoining the Frankfurt airport, to replace striking fire fighters.

"Our agreement only covers help as a part of a joint response in an emergency or accident and makes no mention of striking workers," said Stephen Knechtel, a spokesman for the U.S. base.

The tensions caused by the public workers' strike spilled over into the private sector as several other union negotiations broke down Tuesday.

IG Metall, the country's largest union, failed to make any progress in a new round of talks with employers and about 45,000 workers staged walkouts for several hours in various cities.

The printers' union also said that its talks had broken down and called immediately for similar walkouts.

Residents Flee as Dissident Rebel Shells Kabul

By Edward A. Gargan
New York Times Service

KABUL — Fierce new fighting erupted in and around Kabul on Tuesday as forces of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a fundamentalist guerrilla leader hostile to the new government, fired dozens of rockets and artillery shells in what appeared to be a campaign to terrorize the Afghan capital.

The new government responded with salvos of artillery and rockets of its own, and columns of tanks and soldiers headed south, toward the dissident commander's strongholds.

The bombardment was the worst in years, according to some observers.

"It is worse than it was against the so-called puppet regime," said a senior United Nations official, as the thunder of tank and artillery fire shook the windows of his office in central Kabul.

At least 40 people were reported killed and more than 200 seriously wounded in the new fighting. But so vast was the area hit by incoming shells that a full accounting was impossible.

As the fighting raged, the acting president, Sibghatullah Mojaddidi, declared that instead of serving for two months until a broad government could be formed, he intended to remain in office for two years.

Mr. Mojaddidi said that tribal and religious leaders, military commanders and officials in the previous government all had told him that two months was insufficient time to get a broad government in place.

"Everybody is insisting, emphasizing that these two months for me is not enough," he said. "It must be for at least two years, and then there will be an election."

It could not be determined whether other guerrilla groups in the governing

Russia Sets Date To Make Ruble Fully Convertible

By Steven Erlanger
New York Times Service

MOSCOW — Russia intends to make the long-disparaged ruble a fully convertible currency by Aug. 1 at a rate fixed to the dollar, a senior government official said Tuesday.

The rate would be supported in the currency markets by a \$6 billion fund made available by Western nations. If managed successfully, the ruble will become a stable currency, encouraging Western companies to invest in Russia and giving Russian companies, for the first time in many decades, clear information about prices and costs.

The official, Konstantin Kagalovsky, an aide to Yegor T. Gaidar, the first deputy prime minister and the architect of Russia's economic

Belgrade Tries To Shift Blame

By Blaine Harden
Washington Post Service

BELGRADE — In an effort to sidestep international blame for the worsening war, the new Yugoslav government, called on all army soldiers and officers who are citizens of Serbia and Montenegro to leave Bosnia within 15 days. It also said that what remained of the federal army in Bosnia should be divided peacefully among Muslims, Serbs and Croats who live there.

Although the announcement sounded conciliatory, it was viewed by Western analysts here as a rhetorical — and cynical — gesture that would have little effect on the fighting.

Nearly all of the estimated 100,000 army troops in Bosnia are ethnic Serbs. The army itself says that 80 percent of the force now stationed there are Bosnian citizens. Equipped with a vast arsenal of tanks, fighter planes and heavy artillery, this Serbian force has the firepower to destroy the civilian government in Sarajevo.

The rioting in Los Angeles and several other cities, followed the



A Bosnian trooper sprinting for cover Tuesday after reading a shot at a nearby Yugoslav position.

Rage Erupted as Police Got Out of a Tight Spot

By Ted Rohrlich
Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES — In the incident that appeared to trigger the Los Angeles riots, at least 20 police officers backed down late last Wednesday afternoon in a tense confrontation with gang members and other residents furious about the verdicts in the Rodney G. King case.

The officers fled when the encounter turned into a shouting match at the corner of 71st Street and Normandie Avenue in south-central Los Angeles, and one officer told his colleagues repeatedly, "It's not worth it. Let's go."

They did not return for hours and were refused to fully explain why.

After their departure, the black crowd of about 50 quickly surged one block to the intersection of Florence and Normandie avenues and raged unchallenged for hours.

Members of the crowd stoned white and Hispanic motorists, pulled them out of cars, and looted and torched stores, according to witnesses and an amateur videotape of many of the incidents.

The interviews with witnesses and officials of the government and the police, along with the videotape, provide the most detailed account to date of the embryonic stages of the riot.

The amateur videotape, which began before the live television broadcast, shows for the first time that significant numbers of police were present but left.

As officers got in their cars and sped off, the crowd at first seemed about to disperse. But suddenly it got a new sense of purpose: the venting of racial hatred.

The videotape shows someone picking up a metal sandwich-board advertisement for Marlboro cigarettes and slamming it through the rear window of a Volvo heading west on Florence. The riot was on.

Shouting epithets at Anglos, Hispanics and Asians, members of the crowd vented their anger in the name of vengeance for Mr. King.

"You did Rodney King wrong!" shouted a woman at some badly beaten motorists who had been pulled from their vehicles. "You're going to pay!"

"No pity for the white man," said a

Kiosk 8 Dead in Stadium Collapse

BASTIA, France (Reuters) — At least eight persons were killed and as many as 400 were injured when a crowded temporary stand collapsed at a soccer stadium in this Corsican city on Tuesday, a government official said.

Spectators fell 20 meters (60 feet) as the scaffolding stand, similar to those used at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Winter Olympics in Albertville, buckled and collapsed as a French Cup semifinal between Bastia and Olympique Marseille was set to begin.

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Bribery Scandal, Large Even for Italy, Dims Craxi's Hopes

By Alan Cowell
ROME — As Italy gropes its way through a crisis that has left it without a president or a new government, a huge kickback scandal in Milan is rapidly spreading tentacles around the political machine of the Socialist leader, Bettino Craxi...

15 years that they would be investigated on charges of receiving stolen goods once their immunity as deputies had been lifted. Both men have denied wrongdoing, and the action does not mean that they will be indicted...

ago, the foundation has built up a huge patrimony. It is thought to own 800 apartments in Milan; it employs 1,000 people and has an annual budget of more than \$10 million.

When Mr. Chiesa was arrested on Feb. 18, magistrates said he had been caught in a "sting" operation. He controlled maintenance contracts in the Pio Albergo Trivulzio's properties and had reportedly sought a bribe of over \$10,000 for awarding a cleaning services contract worth 10 times that...

Christian-Muslim Clash Is a Low Point for Egypt

By Chris Hedges
Like many of Upper Egypt's tangled religious disputes, the clash also involved ancient feuds and arguments over property and privileges, according to local security officials.

There are about 6 million Christians among Egypt's 58 million people, and street fighting between Muslim militants and Christians is common. Monday's attack was carried out to avenge the murder of a Muslim fundamentalist leader and another man in a gun battle between Muslims and Christians two months ago...

Another group of assailants burst into the home of a doctor and stabbed him to death. A third group appeared at a school, forcing their way into a classroom, where they began shooting. In the school and elsewhere, the wreckage from the attacks remained untouched a day later.

The Interior Ministry blanketed the town with riot policemen and called on religious leaders to help contain the violence. It said that three of the attackers had been arrested. The streets of this tiny community, which is in the midst of harvesting its wheat crop, remained deserted.



VIOLENCE AFTER ALGERIAN VERDICT — Members of a group of 13 Algerian Muslim fundamentalists after they were sentenced to death by a military court. The verdict sparked 24 hours of arson and violence in which two people died.

Rebuilding, Kurds Fear New Iraqi Attack

By Leslie Weaver
A year after the coalition forces, which defeated Iraq in the Gulf War, set up a security zone for Kurds in northern Iraq after the Kurds' uprising against Baghdad, a fresh spring has dusted the mountain region's green valleys with wildflowers and Kurds are rebuilding their lives.

Farmers are tending their fields and orchards, despite a six-month Iraqi economic blockade on the area that has sent prices soaring for everything from seeds and fertilizer to fuel.

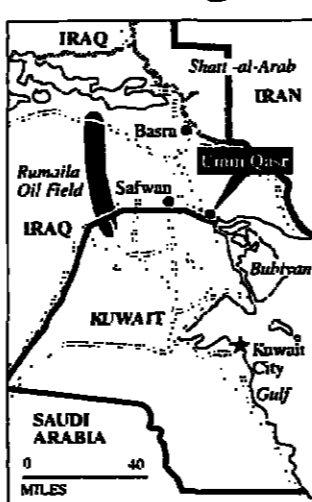
But many Kurds say they fear that Baghdad might try to disrupt the elections, and that the military threat, despite Western warnings to Iraq, is never far from their minds.

As long as the Iraqi military buildup is present, people cannot lead a normal life, said Aris Rashedi, an official of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, one of the two main Kurdish parties.

UN Border Map Has Baghdad Fuming

By Caryle Murphy
surveys the original 1932 border drawn by British colonial officials and is marking it on the ground. It is the first time since Kuwait and Iraq became independent that their 200-kilometer (125-mile) mostly desert border will be clearly and physically defined.

The problem with this new border survey is that Iraqis of nearly every political persuasion appear to reject it. The Iraqi government, which has never formally accepted the 1932 border, blasted the UN findings, as did several exiled Iraqi opposition groups, who warned that the "recommendations would only sow the seeds for future disputes between our two nations."



The UN calculations, made public last month, also place in Kuwait several Iraqi oil wells in Rumaila field, which straddles the border. The dispute over ownership of the field was a pretext for Iraq's invasion in 1990.

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The disputes stem from two Iraqi claims that have characterized Baghdad's relations with Kuwait. The first — still voiced by officials in Baghdad — is that Kuwait is an integral part of Iraq, arbitrarily separated by the British.

Fires Near Chernobyl Lift Radiation Level in Belarus

MOSCOW — Fires sweeping through fields and woodland contaminated by the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster raised radiation levels in some parts of Belarus but are not a major danger, a government expert said Tuesday.

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Crimea Declares Itself Independent
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independence" by 118 votes to 28. The decision must be confirmed by a referendum. Several thousand people outside the parliament waved and cheered as the decision was announced.

WORLD BRIEFS

China Eases on Political Prisoners
BEIJING (NYT) — Government officials have released photos of two prominent political prisoners, Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming, reportedly to counter reports of mistreatment, and have told a Western businessman that some other dissidents will be released from prison this month.

A French Warning on 'Europhobia'
PARIS (Reuters) — Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy, urging speedy approval of the Maastricht treaty of European union, warned Tuesday that Germany and Britain might revert to nationalism if European integration faltered.

U.S. Cautions Russia on India Deal
WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The United States is still considering trade penalties against Russia if it goes ahead with a \$250 million deal to sell rocket engines to India, officials said on Tuesday.

Lebanese Soldiers Fire on Rioters
BEIRUT (NYT) — Shooting broke out between Lebanese troops and rioters in southern Lebanon on Tuesday as tensions gripped the country after a wave of strikes and marches over the worsening economy.

For the Record
In the wake of the House bank scandal, two more members of Congress have announced that they will not seek re-election. The announcements by Matthew F. McHugh, Democrat of New York, and Robert W. Davis, Republican of Michigan, bring to 54 the number of voluntary House retirements this year.

The Weather
Forecast for Thursday through Saturday. Includes maps of North America and Europe showing weather patterns.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Vietnam to Discuss Air Links to U.S.
HANOI (AFP) — Vietnam Airlines is to send a delegation to the United States to discuss opening air links between the two countries, a Vietnamese weekly, Tuoc Hre, said Tuesday.

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Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists major cities and their weather forecasts.

'Outsider' Perot Was Helped by U.S. Contracts

By Steven A. Holmes
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — In the popular folklore that surrounds him, Ross Perot started his company, Electronic Data Systems Corp., in 1962 with a \$1,000 check and built it, through grit, determination and good fortune, into the largest data processing company in the world.



Ross Perot telling reporters to "watch my lips" as they questioned him in New York on when he planned to join the race formally.

While that tale is largely true, it contains another element that Mr. Perot and his business associates do not always mention: the speaker's financial success of the world-be "presidential" candidate, who presents himself as a Washington outsider and a private-sector entrepreneur, began in the mid-1960s with the help of lucrative contracts to administer the government's medical insurance program for the elderly.

trying to determine if his charges were reasonable. These questions had been the basis of a sharp dispute between Mr. Perot and the Social Security Administration during the final years of the Johnson administration. But after President Richard Nixon took office in 1969, the dispute was settled in favor of Mr. Perot, who had ties to the Nixon administration.

Although congressional investigators and critics of the contracts did not suggest that Mr. Perot broke any laws, they said he was overly secretive, skirted federal rules and engaged in what could be viewed as conflicts of interest.

At the time he won the Medicare contracts, Mr. Perot worked part time for Texas Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which administered the Texas Medicare program. Some members of the congressional panel also said that the Nixon administration was not completely forthcoming in providing all the facts.

Perot aides referred questions, did acknowledge, however, that Electronic Data officials had pressed their case with Robert H. Finch, then the secretary of health, education and welfare.

For Israel, Unyielding Frustration Over the Fate of 4 Hostage Soldiers

By Clyde Haberman
New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — As Israelis paused in silence Tuesday night to honor their war dead, senior government officials were hampered and frustrated by their continuing inability to bring home — or even get information about — four Israeli servicemen missing in Lebanon.

chief hostage negotiator. "The fact is that we don't know any more than we did three or four months ago." The servicemen's fate weighed heavily on Israelis as they began a 24-hour period of solemn tribute to the 17,000 soldiers who have died in the country's many wars since its founding in 1948, an event that will be celebrated in a second 24-hour period starting Wednesday night.

No one here has anguished more in the hostage negotiations than the family of Captain Ron Arad, an air force navigator who was shot down over Sidon on the Lebanese coast in 1986.

Terry Anderson: No Room for Hate 'Courage Is When You Have Choices,' Ex-Hostage Says

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With his report's precision, in quiet understatement, Terry A. Anderson has told of the rigors and horrors of his captivity.

time for it," he said. "My hating them, feeling bitter toward them, is not going to hurt them an ounce. It's only going to hurt me and I'm not going to do that."

He thought of suicide, he said, but rejected the idea. He saw no opportunity for escape, at least none "worth the things I'd have to do," which would have included killing at least one guard. He told of locking his own leg irons when the guards forgot so that they would not blame and punish him.

Now he was back, to speak and soon to write of what happened to him, answering conversational questions asked him by the president of The Associated Press, Louis D. Boccardi.

He told of being pushed down to the floor of an automobile and straddled in a blanket when he was kidnapped. "The man in the front seat leaned over the back and said, 'Don't worry, it's political.'"

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Prisoners Face New Court Curbs

By Ruth Marcus
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, in a 5-to-4 ruling, has placed new restrictions on state prisoners' ability to challenge their convictions in federal court.

mun and John Paul Stevens, they said the court was going too far in cutting back on such habeas corpus rights.

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AMERICAN TOPICS

Increase in Output in Gadgets

We have time-saving gadgets like fax machines and personal computers, and yet feel just as tired and hurried as ever. Joel Auerbach writes in the Why Things Are column of The Washington Post...

Short Takes

The first woman president of the United States is likely to have a take-on-anything confidence and competitive sibilings. Two psychologists, Dorothy Cantor and Tomi Bernay, discovered these similarities in the 25 women politicians from 17 states whom they interviewed for a new book...

creative aggression

by fighting with their brothers and sisters. "As a citizen of the tormented Middle East who is preparing to return home," Uri Savir, the Israeli consul general in New York, writes in The New York Times...

Members of a Spanish expedition through Southern California in the 18th century named one area San Gabriel de los Temblores because there was an earthquake the day they arrived, the Los Angeles Times reports. The earthquake part was later dropped by the town's Chamber of Commerce.

Cynics say professional baseball's Boston Red Sox are finally due to win the World Series this year. As their last Series-winning season, in 1918, attests, they always win after Russian revolutions.

Arthur Higbee

Destinations

Germany had their flights canceled as a result of a public workers strike. U.S. carrier to Germany, via Amsterdam, will be suspended until the strike ends...

Shifting the Blame

with the practice of protecting themselves by protecting Serbia or protecting innocent people. Western diplomats in Belgrade say that the primary power in the Serbian forces fighting in Bosnia is the President Slobodan Milosevic...

31 Killed in Attacks By Peruvian Guerrillas

At least 31 people were killed in guerrilla attacks in Peru on Tuesday, the death toll rose from 20 in the previous 24 hours, according to a report from the Peruvian army...

Thousands Flee Shelling

and thousands of people are fleeing from the eastern part of the city, according to a report from the Peruvian army. The shelling is part of a military operation to clear the area of guerrilla forces...

Hillary Clinton Quits 3 Boards

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Hillary Clinton says she is leaving three corporate boards because of her husband's presidential campaign. Mrs. Clinton said she was not taking up too much of her husband's time...

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JAPAN: With Cold War Certainties Gone, Tokyo Seeks to Define Its Place

(Continued from page 1) Larger soldiers in Japan than in the United States, and a recurrent theme in manga, the thick comic books read by millions of Japanese...

leadership's enthusiasm for post-Cold War self-assertiveness. In surveys, on television and in conversation, many Japanese say that while they agree that Japan must find new ways to contribute to the world, they are deeply uncomfortable with the idea of breaking the taboos that have kept their military forces at home...

structure when you sit in Japan and look west as you do when you sit in Berlin and look east. "China is a major power center," he continued, "and that alone is simple justification for continued U.S. presence in this part of the world."

reduce its presence in the Pacific, "Japan may feel compelled to re-arm to safeguard its trade routes beyond the 1,000 nautical miles south of Tokyo, the current limit for Japanese forces."

The Tokyo government has not wanted to appear to be openly siding with the Security Council seat, even though countries with far less economic power sit there today. But there is also an underlying fear that Japan, if given a bully pulpit, may have to raise its hand...

Such questions are arising only now because for four decades Tokyo's foreign policy has followed Washington's so closely that Japan has developed few of the institutions needed to chart its own course — a powerful Foreign Ministry, an independent intelligence network, a confident military.

U.S. and Japanese officials are more hesitant to talk about the other, rarely stated benefit of keeping U.S. troops posted in Japan: It reassures Asian nations that worry about a revived Japanese military.

"The more respectable argument is not that Japan will re-militarize in the absence of America but simply that if America pulls back, the Japanese will slowly move to fill the gap," said Gerald Hensley, New Zealand's defense minister.

While few will say so explicitly, the debate over the peacekeeping bill seems to be motivated by a broader question: Does the Japanese public trust its government enough to send the military abroad, without fear that it could once again veer toward the expansionist militarism that got the country into World War II?

Such domestic deal-making may be the biggest impediment to Japan's broader international role. The constant factional struggle in the Liberal Democratic Party has led party leaders to talk about the direction of the country's foreign and security policy in only the vaguest of terms.

When he commanded the American occupation of Japan, General Douglas MacArthur described his vision of the country as a "Switzerland of the Pacific," a neutral nation that took no sides in the region's many conflicts.

At America's urging, Japan used the prospect of invasion by the Soviet Union to justify the buildup of its own military forces, reinterpreting its constitution to allow defensive forces.

Plutonium in North Korea

United Press International BEIJING — North Korea has admitted producing small amounts of plutonium, a material that can be used to make a nuclear weapon, but it has said the material will be used only for routine civilian experiments, a group of American academics reported Tuesday.

As Japan geared up a military budget that now tops \$30 billion a year, making it among the largest in the world, Japanese industry profited greatly. Critics of America's military presence in Japan say that the military is simply inventing missions to justify its presence, overstating threats and magnifying the power of potential rivals.

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Let's Stop Accepting Violence

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — In a sudden and... violence, it is not a matter of if, but when...

The Right Is Splitting Up On America's World Role

By Leslie H. Gelb

NEW YORK — After more than 40 years, the bloody feuding in America between conservative/right-wingers and liberal/moderates over U.S. national security policy looks finished — and a serious struggle among conservatives is emerging.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beyond This Crisis

The Los Angeles crisis is so terrifyingly wrong that we are optimistic that good will come of it, that white America will see the wrong, that there is enough good left in America for the country to straighten itself out.

Putting It Mildly

The editorial "Serbia Must Be Stopped" (April 20) stated that Serbia "overreacted badly" in Croatia. Serbs killed thousands in an effort to conquer territory.

Doing Without Pictures

Regarding "America: What's This About? America" (Meanwhile, April 16) by Leonard Steinhorn: If Mr. Steinhorn really believes that "the television image speaks much louder than words," why didn't he present his case by drawing a cartoon instead of writing a column?

Corrections

A line was dropped in "Trying to Get Government to Answer" on this page yesterday. The passage should read: A bright-voiced woman cooed when I said I couldn't get through to anything warm-blooded.

Moscow View: Disneyland Isn't Much Like Chernobyl

By Eleanor Randolph

MOSCOW — A suggestion that those lofty French who don't want Euro Disneyland tainting their local culture: Send it to Gorky Park. For parents in Russia, all the buff about how Mickey Mouse has created a "cultural Chernobyl" is incomprehensible.

Mountain roller coaster. They were so precise, so regular. Last year we went to Gorky with a young Russian friend who gazed our family into riding a large adult torture device called the "Caravan." The Caravan was like an open boat with four rows of people, loosely clamped into their seats.

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Asian Nations Shun Formal Grouping

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
HONG KONG — The Asia-Pacific's most developed countries have no plans to create an alliance modeled after the Group of Seven industrialized nations, senior officials from some of the countries said on Tuesday.

Their comments followed an informal agreement Monday by four of the region's wealthiest nations and territories to meet on a regular basis, highlighting the growing economic and financial links throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

On Monday, Australia, Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore held their first informal meeting to discuss cooperation in financial markets, specifically over equities and futures trading.

The two-hour meeting, held as a sideline to the Asian Development Bank's annual conference in Hong Kong, which ends Wednesday, led to speculation that other countries such as Malaysia and Thailand would be encouraged to join a more formal group.

Some officials said Monday that Asian finance ministers planned to raise the issue of forming an Asian version of the Group of Seven at a luncheon given Tuesday by the finance minister of Japan, Tsutomu Hata. But ADB delegates attending the closed-door affair said the issue was not discussed. Japanese and Hong Kong officials also denied that the concept of an Asian G-7 was being considered during the ADB meeting.

Hong Kong's monetary affairs secretary, David Neidick, who was chairman of Monday's meeting between the four, said there were no plans to expand formal ties between Asian countries.

"I'm not aware of any such development," he said. "Concepts of a G-4 or anything else are sort of farfetched." Shigemitsu Sugisaki, the deputy director-general of the Japanese Finance Ministry's international financing bureau, said no government officials had discussed the matter of a formal regional grouping and no such talks were planned.

"The main topic was financial markets, including foreign exchange and interest rates," said Yuichi Ezawa, the international finance bureau director-general of the Japanese Finance Ministry, adding that the talks were prompted by the "growing interdependence of financial markets and economies in our region."

Japan, alarmed at the growing influence Japanese stock-index futures traded in Singapore are exerting on its own ailing stock market, has sought to avoid being seen as the major force behind the meeting, sources said.

Participants said the timing of the next meeting had not yet been fixed. "We agreed to put it on a regular basis, more or less," Mr. Ezawa said.

The Australian Treasury secretary, Ewen Waterman, said the talks were not linked to a proposal for a sort of Asian G-7. But he added that the Hong Kong meeting was the first time representatives from the major financial centers have got together to have a meeting of this nature. (Bloomberg, AFP)

Iran Aims to Join ADB For Technical Support

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
HONG KONG — Iran expects to become a member of the Asian Development Bank by the end of the year as part of its efforts to breathe life into its battered economy, an Iranian official said on Tuesday.

"We have corresponded with major ADB shareholders and the response has been very encouraging," said Kamran Khatami, Iran's director of international organizations and institutions.

Mr. Khatami acknowledged, however, that Iran had not yet contacted the United States about joining. The United States, along with Japan, is the bank's largest shareholder and still holds billions of dollars in Iranian assets.

Officials of the Asian bank declined to comment on Mr. Khatami's remarks. Iran would neither loan nor borrow money at first upon joining, Mr. Khatami said, but would mainly use the bank's technical expertise, for example to aid privatization. It also would take advantage of the bank's ability to act as a catalyst to attract investment to the region, he added.

Iran, which is attending the three-day meeting of the Asian bank here for the first time as an observer, will consider providing access for trade with Central Asia's land-locked republics by constructing a rail and road network from its northern border to the Gulf, the official said. In the long run, Mr. Khatami said, Iran would contribute funds to the Asian bank. President Hashemi Rafsanjani's economic plans should quickly put the country on an internationally competitive footing, Mr. Khatami said. Iran plans to unify its exchange rate within two years, to around 1,000 rials to the dollar, he said. The official exchange rate now is 70 rials, although the black-market rate is 1,400 rials to the dollar. (UPI, Reuters)

Investor's Asia

Exchange	Index	Tuesday Close	Prev. Close	% Change
Hong Kong Hang Seng	1991	5,831.21	5,813.78	+0.31
Singapore Straits Times	1991	1,488.65	1,498.97	-0.69
Tokyo Nikkei 225	1991	1,665.50	1,684.40	+0.07
Kuala Lumpur Composite	1991	603.02	597.47	+0.93
Bangkok SET	1991	750.89		
Seoul Composite Stock	1991	620.33		
Taipei Weighted Price	1991	4,536.53	4,539.47	-0.06
Manila Composite	1991	1,245.52	1,245.83	-0.02
Jakarta Stock Index	1991	283.12	380.04	+1.10
New Zealand NZSE-40	1991	1,470.12	1,467.54	+0.16
Bombay National Index	1991	1,705.29		

Sources: Reuters, AFP. (UPI, Reuters)

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While many Western nations have been cool to China because of continuing concerns about its human rights record, Japan has

been quick to recognize China's steps toward economic reform. Japan broke with the Group of Seven nations in 1990 to become the first country to resume lending to China after Beijing's brutal suppression of a pro-democracy movement in June 1989.

The Japanese Finance Ministry official, who requested anonymity, said he expected terms and conditions of the loan to be finalized in a month or two.

In a speech at the ADB meeting, Li Guixian, the governor of the People's Bank of China, the Chinese central bank, said his nation's reform policy had gained momentum in 1991. Acknowledging economic difficulties in China, such as budget deficits, Mr. Li said, "The solution to these problems calls upon our persistent efforts to deepen reform, to open wider to the outside world and accelerate economic growth."

In another signal of Japan's backing for reform, Finance Minister Tsutomu Hata visited China's special economic zone in Shenzhen on Sunday.

Hong Kong Railway Seeks To Borrow More at Home

Bloomberg Business News
HONG KONG — The colony's Mass Transit Railway Corp. plans to scale back its borrowings in Japan and borrow more at home and in the United States, Finance Director Roger Moss said Tuesday.

The change reflects the problems facing Japan's banking industry and the "huge, deep, liquid financial market of the U.S.," he said. The government-owned company also hopes that borrowing more at home will help develop Hong Kong's secondary bond market.

The company is embarking on a massive borrowing program of 40 billion to 50 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$5.2 billion to \$6.4 billion) over the next five years to refinance debt and build a railway line to the colony's new international airport, now under construction. Japanese institutions now hold about 56 percent of its total debt.

Guangdong Courts Foreign Banks

HONG KONG — China's richest province, Guangdong, has unveiled an economic expansion program to secure more foreign capital that will allow overseas banks to set up branches there and local banks to open offices abroad, a pro-Beijing daily said Tuesday.

The 17-point strategy for the 1990s includes the opening up of four areas along the Pearl River Delta for development, said the Hong Kong-based paper, Ta Kung Pao. Foreign banks, including those from Hong Kong, will be allowed to open branches there, it added.

The plan was adopted in March by the Guangdong Communist Party committee and provincial government, shortly after Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, visited and urged faster reform.

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NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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AB	25.00	NVDA	28.00
AC	15.10	ORCL	31.00
AD	20.10	QCOM	38.00
AE	15.10	SMCI	32.00
AF	20.10	TXN	35.00
AG	20.10	WDC	32.00
AH	20.10	YHLC	22.00
AI	20.10	ZION	28.00

Symbol	High	Low	Open	Close
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AB	25.50	24.50	24.80	25.00
AC	15.50	14.80	14.90	15.10
AD	20.50	19.80	19.90	20.10
AE	15.50	14.80	14.90	15.10
AF	20.50	19.80	19.90	20.10
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SPORTS NBA PLAYOFFS

Parish and Celtics Rebound to Even Series With Cavaliers

The Associated Press
It doesn't take too many weak performances before doubt sets in about a 31-year-old center. Robert Parish, who made only 2 of 12 shots in Boston's previous two playoff games, bounced back Monday night, scoring 27 points as the Celtics beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 104-98, tying their Eastern Conference semifinal series, 1-1.

and he played like fine wine tonight," Cleveland's John Battle said. "He's a veteran, but he's young at heart. They shot the ball extremely well, and our intensity went up and down because of it."
Also on Monday night, the Utah Jazz put their past behind them by rallying from a 15-point deficit to defeat the Los Angeles Clippers, 96-89, in the fifth and deciding game of their first-round series. The comeback enabled the Jazz, now 40-4 at home this season, to

avoid another embarrassing playoff defeat. They lost four of their previous six appearances in the first round, with three of those losses coming with Utah taking the homecourt advantage into the series. Reggie Lewis scored 26 points and McHale finished with 18 for the Celtics, winners of 12 of their last 13 games. Larry Bird has missed all 13 games because of his sore back. Boston, which plays host to the Cavs in the next two games, on Friday night and Sunday, trailed 76-75 entering the fourth quarter. But a 16-6 run, capped by Parish's two inside baskets, gave the Celtics a 91-82 lead. Mark Price scored 20 points for Cleveland, which lost for the seventh time in its 22 home playoff games. Jeff Malone scored 25 points for the Jazz and Karl Malone finished with 19, 15 of them in the second half after he went 1-for-9 from the field in the first half.



Boston's Robert Parish shooting for 2 of his game-high 27 points.

Pistons Say Knicks Can Beat Bulls — the NBA Permitting

By Harvey Araton
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — John Salley said it. Bill Laimbeer said it. Isiah Thomas said it. The Detroit Pistons, whose two-time championship dream was badly broken, were still in near-perfect harmony off the court. It was as if they had met to draft a statement regarding the New York Knicks' chances of competing with the defending National Basketball Association champion and haven't favored Chicago Bulls. The words weren't always exact, but the message was unmistakably the same. "If the league allows them to, they'll beat Chicago," said Laimbeer, typically defiant.

after the Knicks finished off the Pistons on Sunday, setting up Game 1 of the Bulls-Knicks Eastern Conference semifinals in Chicago on Tuesday night. "Michael just gets the treatment," said Salley, referring to the age-old allegation that superstars get extra protection from the referees. "It's obvious when you see it." The Bulls admit that they do not mind extra attention from the league. Chicago's vice president of operations, Jerry Krause, who called the Knicks-Pistons series "a mugging," made a quick call to the NBA vice president of operations, Rod Thorn, last week when the series turned toward a deciding fifth game. Krause made the same call a year ago when Chicago and Philadelphia met in the

second round and again when the Pistons and the Bulls slammed into each other in the conference finals. "We're concerned, sure," Krause said in Chicago. "We're concerned about it getting crazy. I'm sure Rod will control it." But he's also sure the Knicks-Bulls will be a different series than the Pistons-Bulls. "I think they will play the way we play, clean and hard, then I think New York will play that way," Krause said. "But if they don't, if they want to make a mugging out of it, then I would be concerned. Detroit is different. It's their nature." "I am sure they are going to present their physical play," Chicago's Scottie Pippen said of the Knicks. "Whether the referees continue to let them do that is something we'll have to see. But our game plan is to have our defense create our offense. We feel we can cause this team some problems. Fresh in the minds of the veteran Knicks players is how they were eliminated from the second round three years ago. Jordan rewarded the two decisive free throws after being gently nudged slightly off the dribble in the final seconds of a deadlocked Game 6. "Most times they don't let you touch him," said Knicks' Gerald Wilkins. "But we've established ourselves as a defensive team, so maybe they'll let us play." The Pistons will be rooting for that, and more, in Detroit.

Heaton and Royals Hit Indians for 11-6 Victory

The Associated Press
Neal Heaton hit Albert Belle with a pitch and sounded proud that he did it. "No question about it, you've got to protect your own players in the heat of battle," Heaton said after the Kansas City Royals beat the

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Cleveland Indians, 11-6, Monday night. "That's the way baseball is played and the way it's always going to be." Heaton said he threw at Belle leading off the bottom of the eighth because the Cleveland reliever Eric Bell hit the Royals' first baseman, Wally Joyner, with a pitch with two outs in the top of the inning. "It was deliberately thrown at him, just like the left-hander deliberately throwing at my first baseman," Heaton said. Heaton was ejected by the homeplate umpire, Terry Cooney, after the second of the consecutive inside pitches to Belle. Belle charged the mound several seconds after the ejection, but dugouts and bullpen caught up and several players exchanged punches. Belle also was ejected. Mike MacLachlan and Keith

Pirates Are on the Mark With 11-Run Inning

The Associated Press
The Pittsburgh Pirates, 1-0 losers the night before, tied a club record with an 11-run sixth inning keyed by Jose Lind's three RBIs and two hits apiece by three players in a 12-5 victory over visiting Cincinnati. The Pirates sent 16 batters to the plate on Monday and got nine hits in the sixth off four pitchers. Lind, Cecil Espy and Jeff King had two hits each and Andy Van Slyke, who went 4 for 5, had a go-ahead two-run single as Pittsburgh turned a 5-1 deficit entering the inning into a 12-5 lead.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh had only one other 11-run inning this century — on Sept. 7, 1942, against St. Louis and the Braves & Cubs 1-0 Chicago, the Braves won their fourth straight. Tigers 6, Angels 2; Bill Gullickson won his fourth straight start, allowing seven hits in 8 1/3 innings in Detroit. Yankees 7, Mariners 5; Jim Leyritz tied a career high by driving in four runs with a homer and a double in the Kingdom as New York sent Seattle to its sixth straight loss.

England to Stage 1996 Soccer Cup

LONDON (AP) — England will stage the 1996 European soccer championship finals, Europe's top soccer official announced Tuesday. The decision is a victory for England's bid to convince international soccer that the country has controlled fan violence that long blighted the British game. Announcing the 1996 winner, Lennart Johansson, president of the European Association of Football Unions, said the decision had been unanimous. England beat out bids from Austria, Greece, the Netherlands and Portugal. The European Championship finals are held every four years. This year's tournament will be in Sweden, June 10-26, with the Netherlands defending the title. England last held a major international soccer tournament in 1966, when the home side won the World Cup.

Doubts About Games Upset Johnson

NEW YORK (AP) — Magic Johnson is upset by continuing doubts that he will play in the Barcelona Olympics because he has the virus that causes AIDS, a newspaper reported Tuesday. New York Newday reported that the former Los Angeles Lakers guard was angered by the International Olympic Committee president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, who recently said he doubted that Johnson would play in the Olympics. "I don't want there to be any doubt," said Johnson. "For anyone to say I'm not going to be at the Olympics — that's crazy." Johnson, who retired Nov. 7 after 12 seasons and five National Basketball Association championships with the Lakers, said such comments were examples of the prejudice against people who have the AIDS virus.

Daly Said to Quit as Pistons Coach

DETROIT (AP) — Chuck Daly will resign as coach of the Detroit Pistons on Tuesday, a newspaper reported, ending a nine-year tenure that included two National Basketball Association titles and more victories than any other coach in franchise history. "It's a hard time to be in a position like this," Daly said in a newspaper USA Today, adding that it was "time to move on." Daly was to discuss his plans at a news conference later Tuesday. He denied that friction with the Pistons' general manager, Jack McCalister, was responsible for his departure. He said he said Pistons management about his decision on Monday, after Detroit lost Game 5 of its first-round playoff series with New York. A former Pistons assistant, Ron Rothstein, was expected to be named Daly's successor within a month, the newspaper said.

For the Record

Hindley Belodidze, considered one of the best defensive soccer players in Europe, has signed a three-year, \$4.7 million contract with the Spanish first division club Valencia, officials at his current club, Real Star Boleznice, said Tuesday.

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Beauty and the Cops

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Now that we know that constitutes legal arrest for a traffic violation in Los Angeles, I have decided not to move out there after all. The move was probably a silly idea anyhow. It resulted from a deep immersion in the May 4 issue of People magazine, which convinced me that Los Angeles was the solution to my wrinkling problem.

In this issue People displays the 50 most beautiful people in the world. More than half of them live in Los Angeles, and almost none of them have any wrinkles that you or I or anybody else you're apt to see in the supermarket would honor with the word "wrinkles."

Twenty-five of the 50, in fact, haven't the slightest hint of the beginning of a wrinkle anywhere on their visible surfaces. All 50 together have a total of only 66 wrinkles, or only one-and-one-third of a wrinkle per beauty. In short, People is telling us, "Start wrinkling and you can kiss beauty goodbye."

This places intense emotional strain on us all, since wrinkling results inexorably from no longer being 17 years old. Is there anything more boring than being 17 years old incessantly? Never being able to grow out of that raunchy music for fear you'll get wrinkles and start turning up on Fifty Most Ugly Lists?

Well, People's Fifty Most Beautiful proves that it can be done by living in Los Angeles. The utterly wrinkle-free on its list include Priscilla Presley, who is 46, and Elizabeth Taylor, who is 46. If this isn't testimony to a miraculous wrinkle-resistant ingredient in Los Angeles life, I'll eat my crow's-foot crasing cream.

It's Warren Beatty, however, who clinches the Los Angeles case for a guy who likes to think there's a lot more Warren Beatty in him than his children suspect. Here is Beatty's picture. He is 55, says People. Yet look: He has only one wrinkle, and even that — situated at the left corner of his mouth — is the merest little suspicion of a wrinkle.

It is just a faint little starting wrinkle: that is, a slight warning that a really authentic wrinkle could break out at this location unless something is done to prevent it. What the preventative might be, I'm not sure, but

I suspect the trick is to spend even more time in Los Angeles.

Of course, not all the Los Angeles men ranked among the world's 50 most beautiful have withstood wrinkling as resolutely as Beatty. On Kevin Costner, for instance, I count 12 1/2 starter wrinkles, as follows:

Two at the corner of the left eye and three at the right eye, two on the left side of the neck, two framing the upper lip from nose to mouth, and three and a half shallow depressions on the forehead which could turn into authentic wrinkles unless Costner shuns pruners and Old England and sticks closer to Los Angeles from now on.

Studying People's 50-beauties layout and observing the connection between Los Angeles and freedom from wrinkling, and suffering from the natural American craving to be beautiful forever, I at once began crating up for the move.

My enthusiasm for the move ("Don't weep, children; you are not losing a Daddy, you are gaining a candidate for world-class beauty honors") was intensified after I watched John Gregory Duane's fascinating TV portrait of Los Angeles on our educational channel.

No wonder all wrinkling ceases in such a magical city, I thought, being under Duane's spell. Well, we suddenly had the famous dispute about what measures Los Angeles police may legally employ in arresting traffic violators.

Yes, said the law, the cops were fully entitled to kick King repeatedly and smack him with 56 swings of the epantour after he led them on a high-speed chase.

King's behavior must have constituted the crime known in Baltimore when I was an unwrinkled lad as "disturbing the police." I have had a horror ever since of living in any jurisdiction where cops enforce it.

I never lead the law on high-speed chases, but sometimes accidentally do make forbidden left turns and commit illegal parking. These offenses probably don't excite L.A. policemen to administer more than four or five whacks on the skull, but I am from the effete East. All I ask of Los Angeles is an unwrinkled face, not an opened mind. I shall stay home and become unbeautiful, like everybody else at the supermarket.

New York Times Service

Coming: The Dreyfus Affair, the Opera

By David Stevens

PARIS — Two years from now there will be widespread and many-faceted centennial observations of an affair that unleashed searing emotions with still powerful resonances for European civilization: the Dreyfus Affair, the unjust conviction for treason of a Jewish French Army captain and the beginning of his 12-year calvary until his innocence was formally recognized.

There has been something of a buildup. The last few years have seen the publication of major books such as Jean-Denis Bredin's "L'Affaire" and "Dreyfus: A Family Affair" by the American historian Michael Perman. Ken Russell's new film, "Forsyther of Honor," starring Richard Dreyfuss, is the latest of many cinematic versions of the affair.



George R. Whyte

For the centennial year, the obligatory symposiums and exhibitions are planned in several countries, but potentially the most fascinating events are a group of musical-theatrical-choreographic productions that will seek to use the power of the musical-theatrical arts to give the story of Alfred Dreyfus a life that transcends historical events.

In the middle of all this is George R. Whyte, a Budapest-born British subject with one foot in the world of commerce and another in the world of the arts. He has been obsessed with a study of the affair for the last five years, has acted as historical adviser for the Russell film, and is orchestrating many of the international centennial observations from an office in London.

He also had the concept, and has written the libretto for a Dreyfus opera. The music has been written by the Swiss composer Jost Meier (after an earlier collaboration with the Polish composer Krzysztof Penderecki was aborted), and the project has been embraced by Götter Friedrich, intendant of the Deutsche Oper Berlin, where the work is scheduled to have its world premiere in May 1994.

"In the Dreyfus Affair the drama is in the truth," Whyte said on a recent passage through Paris. The opera begins with the scene of his degradation at the Ecole Militaire, followed by Devil's Island. The second of the two acts opens with a scene at the Moulin Rouge, using music of the period, followed by the second trial. "But the ending you will have to wait and see," he added. Dreyfus is a tenor, his wife, Lucie, a dramatic soprano, and Emile Zola — whose newspaper articles played a famous role in Dreyfus's rehabilitation — is assigned to a bass.

Indeed, the real-life affair has enough larger-than-life heroes and villains to outfit a cycle as long as Wagner's "Ring." There is Alfred's older brother Mathieu, who devoted himself for years to exonerating his brother; Lieutenant Colonel Georges Picquart, an Alsatian Roman Catholic who headed Army Intelligence, who distrusted Jews and believed in Dreyfus's guilt until he found and revealed the evidence that showed otherwise, to the detriment of his own career; the Socialist leader Jean Jaures, the writers Bernard Lazare and Charles Péguy, and others.

On the other side, there are the infamous Major Esterhazy, the real author of the crime for which Dreyfus was twice convicted; Major Hubert-Joseph Henry, forger of crucial incriminating documents; Major Mercier du Pity de Clam, the sadistic investigator; the leaders of the virulent anti-Semitic press.

Whyte sees the opera as being in the tradition of other 20th-century works that take oppression and injustice as an underlying theme, such as Alben Berg's "Wozzeck" and Bernd Alois Zimmermann's "Die Soldaten," not to mention the obvious parallels with the unjustly imprisoned Florestan of Beethoven's "Fidelio."

Not satisfied with viewing the affair through an operatic prism, Whyte also plans to publish a dramatized narrative of the affair, and add two more theatrical works to complete a trilogy.

One of these he refers to as a "musical drama," a work with text and lighter music than that of the opera, and which he describes as being similar in mood to a musical such as "Cabaret." For this, he has written some of the music himself.

The other is a choreographed version that will concentrate on the "human and physical suffering for which current movements in dance are an appropriate means of expression."

Whyte was only 5 years old in 1938 when his father decided it was high time to leave Hungary, and being "the world's greatest Anglophile" since having been a prisoner of war in Britain in 1916-18, he took the family there. Whyte's already advanced musical education was supplemented by studies in the pure sciences.



A turn-of-the-century caricature branding Dreyfus as "the Traitor."

He sees the Dreyfus Affair in the context of the continuity of European history, citing Hannah Arendt's reference to the affair as a dress rehearsal for the Holocaust, and noting that Theodor Herzl's experience of the affair — he was present at the degradation ritual at the Ecole Militaire — helped to convince him of the need for a Jewish homeland.

"It was certainly a forerunner. It was the first time that the media played an important role in whipping up mass hysteria. It was Zola who remarked, 'What does this portend for the next century?' Many key anti-Dreyfusards played their role in Vi-

France, such as Charles Maurras. When he was sentenced as a collaborator after the war, he exclaimed 'Ah! The revenge of Dreyfus.'

As for the opera being premiered in what was "the Holy See of anti-Semitism," Whyte finds that a form of poetic justice. "It is strange, the Germans are probably the only people in Europe not complexed about anti-Semitism. They have been taught to feel guilt." It was this German, whom Dreyfus was accused of giving information, although the Dreyfus family — wealthy Alsatian manufacturers — were passionate French patriots who longed for the return to France of the province lost in the debacle of 1871.

The work has been offered to theaters in France, Whyte says, including the country's operatic flagship, the Opera Bastille, but so far there has been no decision.

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'Jelly's Last Jam' Tops Tony Musical Nominees

"Jelly's Last Jam," the musical life and times of the jazzman Jelly Roll Morton, led the field in Tony Award nominations with 11 selections, including for best musical, and best original score. Others in the best-musical category were "Crazy for You," a 30s-style show with songs by George and Ira Gershwin, which took nine nominations; "Falsettos," William Finn's tragicomic musical about a man who leaves his wife and son for a male lover, which got seven; and "Five Guys Named Moe," the musical romp celebrating the songs of Louis Jordan. "Dancing at Lughnasa," Brian Friel's drama about the lives of five unmarried Irish sisters in County Donegal in the summer of 1936, took eight nominations, including the one for best play. The other nominees for best play were Richard Nelson's "Two Shakespeare Actors," Adam Guare's "Four Baboons Adorning the Sun," and August Wilson's "Two Trains Running."

The controversial British historian David Irving was fined 10,000 marks (\$6,000) here in Munich Tuesday on charges of saying the gas chambers at Auschwitz were "fakes" aimed at luring tourists. Irving, 54, whom critics deride as an apologist for the Third Reich, had initially been fined 7,000 marks for defaming the dead but had appealed. The court Tuesday said the penalty because Irving had failed to "show understanding" of the Holocaust.

Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer of "Cats" and other musicals, and his wife, Madeleine, have a son, Abigail Adams, the couple's first child, born in a London hospital. Susan Staman has given birth to a 7-pound 8-ounce boy, her second child by Tim Robbins.

Blues Pickett, the rhythm and blues singer, has agreed to pay \$6,500 and to enter an alcohol rehabilitation program as part of an agreement with Jean Cousseau, his former girlfriend. In exchange, she will drop assault charges against him. Cousseau, who had been living with Pickett, accused him last month in New Jersey of throwing a bottle at her and making threats against her and her family.

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